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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: RLG REACTION TO FUEL SHORTAGE

REF: VIENTIANE 7731

1. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE APPROVED NOVEMBER 15 THE FUEL PRICE INCREASES REQUESTED BY LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES IN LAOS. PREMIUM GASOLINE IS UP 21 PERCENT TO 125 KIP/LITER, REGULAR GASOLINE UP 40 PERCENT TO 115 KIP/LITER, DIESEL FUEL UP 49 PERCENT TO 70 KIP/LITER, AND KEROSENE UP 35 PERCENT TO 85 KIP/LITER.

2. IN ANNOUNCING INCREASES, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG SAID LAOS PRESENTLY HAS A 15 PERCENT SHORTAGE OF FUEL RESERVES AND THE RLG MUST TAKE STEPS TO CONSERVE SUPPLIES. A PROGRAM OF GAS RATIONING WILL BE INSTITUTED, HE SAID, WITH A MONTHLY QUOTA OF 80 TO 120 LITERS PER AUTOMOBILE, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF CYLINDERS. GOVERNMENT FUEL CONSUMPTION WILL BE REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT. OFFICIAL OFFICE HOURS WILL BE CONTRACTED TO PRODUCE A SHORTER LUNCH HOUR, WHICH IS TO BE SPEND IN THE OFFICE. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS CONSIDERING A SIMILAR

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CHANGE IN SCHOOL HOURS. IN ADDITION TO

THESE MEASURES, ALL GASOLINE STATIONS WILL BE CLOSED  
ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.  
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